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**For: POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR BATTERY, METHOD  
FOR PREPARING ELECTROLYTIC MANGANESE DIOXIDE, AND BATTERY**

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Respectfully submitted,

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